

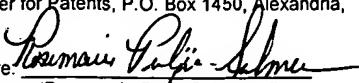
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STORING DEVICE AND BLOCK
REDUNDANCY SAVING METHOD

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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